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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 8-9 and 12 as shown in the claim listing below. Please cancel claims 2-3 and 7. Please add new claims 14-15. All pending claims are listed below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system for facilities management control, comprising:
a personality module, the personality module including at least one port for communicating with at least one field device, the personality module ~~capable of communicating~~ adapted to communicate with a server;

wherein the personality module operates autonomously from the server, the personality module includes resources comprising:

a processor,

a local memory,

facilities management information stored on the local memory, and

an application stored on the local memory and executed by the processor,

the application operable to receiving communications from the at least one field device, accessing the facilities management information, and issuing commands to the at least one field device independent of the server.

2 -3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the personality module includes stored information, the stored information including clearance level information, logic scripts, and cardholder information.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, further including:
a server; and
a client;

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wherein the personality module is coupled to the client and the server, and
wherein the resources include an associated processor and an associated local memory, wherein the local memory houses a local database of information required to perform facilities management functions;

wherein at least some event and alarm information is gathered at the personality module;

wherein when the server is available, the personality module communicates the event and alarm information to the server;

wherein when the server is unavailable, the personality module communicates the event and alarms information to the client.

6. (Currently amended) A system for facilities management, including:

a server;

a client coupled with the server;

a database coupled with the server; and

a personality module coupled with the server;

wherein the personality module includes at least one port for communicating with at least one field device;

wherein the personality module includes resources for ~~operation~~ operating autonomously from the server, the resources comprising:

a processor,

a local memory,

facilities management information stored on the local memory, and

an application stored on the local memory and executed by the processor,

the application operable to receiving communications from the at least one field device, accessing the facilities management information, and issuing commands to the at least one field device independent of the server.

7. (Canceled)

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8. (Currently amended) The system of ~~claim 7~~ claim 6, wherein the facilities management information includes clearance level information, logic scripts, and cardholder information.
9. (Currently amended) A method of performing access control, comprising:
~~receiving facilities management information from a server;~~
storing the facilities management information in a local database;
receiving signals from a field device;
accessing the facilities management information; and
sending the field device control signals based on the facilities management information.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the facilities management information includes clearance level information, logic scripts, and cardholder information.
11. (Original) The method of claim 9, further including:
sending event and alarm information to the server;
if no acknowledgment is received from the server in a designated time period,
sending the event and alarm information to a client.
12. (Currently amended) A system for facilities management, including:
a personality module including:
an associated processor;
an associated memory;
all facilities management information associated with any field device coupled
to the personality module, the facilities management information stored on the memory,
and
a personality module management application stored on the memory,
wherein the personality module management application is operable to receiving
communications from any field device, accessing all facilities management information.

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and issuing commands to any field device independent of a system server.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the personality module further includes:

an operating system.

14. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the resources are stored in a local database and can be downloaded from the server.

15. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the facilities management information can be downloaded from a server.